(b) whether most of these soldiers are undergoing treatment at private hospitals and nursing homes in various parts of Delhi;

(c) if so, the number of such injured soldiers getting treatment in India;

(d) whether the expenditure is borne by the Government of India and if so, how much amount, so far, has been borned by the Government; and

(e) whether any agreement in this regard has been arrived at and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) We have no information in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Internet Threatens Copyright Regime

3429. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news item captioned "Internet threatens copyright regime" appearing in 'The Hindustan Times', New Delhi, dated November 9, 1996; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item captioned "Internet threatens copyright regime" in "The Hindustan Times", New Delhi dated November 9, 1996 refers to challenges to copyright protection posed by developments in the field of digital technologies and the Internet. The article refers to the possibilities of copyright piracy because of the use of digitial technologies and to the demand of interested groups in the country that measures be taken to modify the copyright and neighbouring rights appropriately to respond to the new information age.

The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), a specialised agency of the United Nations Organisation, has convened a Diplomatic Conference in Geneva from December 2 to 20, 1996 to consider new treaties on copyright and neighbouring rights taking into consideration recent developments in the fields of digital technologies and communications. India is participating in the Diplomatic Conference with a view to protecting its national interest. The Government has held extensive consultations with concerned groups on the new treaties. A core group was constituted in the Department of Education with representatives of other Ministeries/Departments, copyright and neighbouring rights organisations, experts on copyrights, academic institutions like Indian Institutes of Technology etc. to consider the proposed treaties. Panel discussions were also held in Delhi and Hyderabad on the proposed treaties. All possible steps are being taken to protect the national interests in this area.

Financial Assistance to Hospitals

3430. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has extended any financial help to any hospital under the Cooperative or other sector in the State of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details with terms and conditions of such financing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Central assistance is extended to the States/Union Territories under various National Programmes as per approved pattern.

[Translation]

Funds for AIDS

3431. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have provided any funds to U.P. for prevention of AIDS during the last three years;

(b) if so, the manner in which those funds have been utilised by the U.P. Government;

(c) the number of AIDS affected persons in U.P. at present, particularly in Khurja Constituency;

(d) the assistance provided by the Union Government to U.P. particularly to Government hospitals in Southern U.P. for prevention of AIDS and the Hospitals, Medical colleges where AIDS detection facility is available; and

(e) the steps being taken to provide this facility to other big hospitals also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). The funds released by the Central Government and expenditure incurred by the State Government for Prevention and Control of AIDS

during the last three years are as follows :

Year	Funds released	Expenditure reported on the funds released in previous years (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	121.00	35.15
1995-96	0.00	204.31
1996-97 (upto 30.11.96)	150.00	77.80

The State Government has utilised these funds in accordanc with the approved schemes for prevention and control of AIDS which is being implemented as a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the entire country.

(c) 689 Human Immuno Deficiency Virus (HIV) positive and 56 AIDS cases have been reported from the State of as on 30th No., 1996. HOwever, the Constituency of Khurja covered under Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh has not reported any AIDS case.

(d) National AIDS Control Programme is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme and is implemented by the State Governments/UT Administrations. AIDS detection facility available in U.P. is as under :-

(i) Department of Microbiology, K.G. Medical College, Lucknow.

(ii) Central JALWA Institute for Leprosy, Agra.

(iii) Department of Microbiology, Institute of Medical Sciences, Varanasi.

(iv) Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh.

(v) Kamla Nehru Memorial Hospital, Allahabad.

(e) All the hospitals in State can refer cases for Human Immuno Deficiency Virus (HIV) testing in the above centres which is nearest.

[English]

Three Language Formula

3432. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States where the 'Three Language Formula' has implemented;

(b) the status provided to the mother tongue and the minority language during the implementation of the formula, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether some States have totally excluded the Minority Language from the curriculam;

(d) if so, the details alongwith the names of such States and the names of the Minority Language excluded/not included in the curriculum;

(e) whether the Government propose to review the working of the Formula in various States, and convene a meeting of Chief Ministers and Education Ministers for the purpose, and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (f) In order to make provision for teaching of minority language or mother tongue, the Union Education Ministry in consultation with the States/UTs formulated the Three Language Formula in 1957-58. This formula was simplified at the Chief Minister's Concerence, 1961. This simplified Three Language Formula which was subsequently incorporated in the National Policy on Education, 1968 is a vital constituent of the nationally agreed schemes of safeguards for linguistic minorities.

The Three Language Formula, which applies to Secondary stage of school education provides the study of a Modern Indian Language (MIL), preferably one of the Southern languages, apart from Hindi and English in Hindi speaking States and study of the regional language apart from Hindi and English in non-Hindi speaking States. According to the 31st Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities in India (for the period July 1990 to June 1991), all the States with the exception of Tamil Nadu, J & K, Pondicherry have implemented the Three Language Formula.

The National Curricular Framework for Elementary and Secondary Education, brought out by the NCERT in 1988 on the basis of the postulates of NPE, 1986 provides that mother tongue should be the medium of instruction. The framework also provides the following:

> "In the case of learners whose mother tongue is also the language of the region, the medium of instruction at the elementary and secondary stage should be the regional language. In the case of those whose mother tongue is different from the regional language, the mother tongue may be used as medium during the first two years of primary education, and the regional language should be used subsequently."

At present, there is no proposal to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers and Education Ministers for the purpose to review the working of the Three Language Formula. However, State Governments have been urged from time to time to adopt and vigorously implement the Three Language Formula. The role of Central Government in the matter of implementation of Three Language Formula is recommendatory. The implementation of the Three Language Formula is the sole responsibility of the State Governments.